

# Visions for Early Learning Advancing Racial Equity in Early Learning Awareness and Knowledge Series

*Led by Cultures Connecting*

Our 2016 series of two one-day trainings is scheduled for July 13 and August 18 from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

at

Capital Region Educational Service District

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6005 Tyee Drive SW, Tumwater, WA

In the world of Early Childhood Education today we are learning to become multicultural in a way where we benefit from our differences, rather than expecting people to assimilate into the dominant culture's norms, values and customs. In the process, we must have the courage to unpack how we've been socialized to think about one another and to gain skills in recognizing and addressing institutional advantages and disadvantages our region's children, families, employees, and communities face.

This is a FREE series.

Lunch will be provided.

Clock and STARS hours available.

Registration to be available now at [myesd.org](http://myesd.org),

keyword search "Advancing Racial Equity."

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Contact [jpartridge@esd113.org](mailto:jpartridge@esd113.org) for more

information.

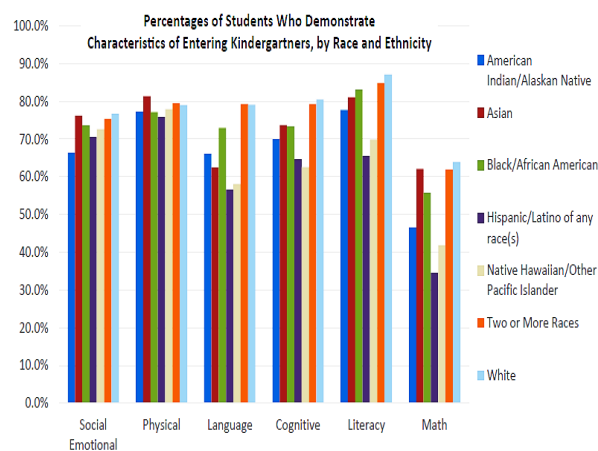
## Visions for Early Learning



Serving Our Communities in Grays Harbor, Mason, Lewis, North Pacific & Thurston counties.

West Central Regional Coalition

The opportunity gap is evident in the first few weeks of kindergarten.



The percentages of students demonstrating characteristics of entering kindergartners varied by race and ethnicity in each of the six areas assessed in WaKIDS. For instance, while the chart at the top of the page shows that 74.1% of students statewide demonstrated characteristics of entering

kindergartners in cognitive development, the percentages in the chart at the bottom of the page vary from 62.6% to 80.5% in cognitive development, depending on the racial group or ethnicity.

Visions for Early Learning's  
Advancing Racial Equity  
Series is led by Caprice D.  
Hollins, Psy.D and Ilsa  
Govan, M.A., co-founders of  
[Cultures Connecting](http://CulturesConnecting.org).



Participant in VEL's fall and winter series of Advancing Racial Equity had this to say about their experience:

"Great way to explore the issue of equity and to be prepared for our work with children's families."

"Challenging & really makes you examine your belief systems."

"Safe space to examine preconceived ideas and experience discomfort."

"A chance to change the way you see the world."